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CHIGNIK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY UPDATE # 05

The ADF&G conducted the third Chignik Lagoon test fishery of the 2013 season on July 13. Harvests were as follows:

Set	Number of sockeye salmon
Mensis Point	1,067
Humes Point	92
Island	486
Ole's Point	No Set
Dago	21
Rocky Point	No Set
Dropoff	estimated 650
Bar 1 st Set	551
Bar 2 nd Set	estimated 400
Ocean Beach	3
Total	3,270

These test fishery results and recent escapement estimates indicate that sockeye salmon are holding in Chignik Lagoon and that the abundance of salmon within the lagoon may be in excess of escapement objectives within the next 24 to 48 hours. The current Chignik weir escapement estimate of late-run sockeye salmon is 20,098 fish and the escapement objective for July 14 is (58,900–101,000). Due to rapid changes in escapement levels that may occur, fisherman should be prepared for an advance notice of 12 hours before the next commercial salmon fishery.

Statistical charts, harvest strategies, and subsistence fishing permits are available at the Chignik weir and the Kodiak regional ADF&G offices. Commercial fishing regulations, salmon harvest, escapement, and news releases can be found on the ADF&G website at http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareachignik.salmon. Fishermen are encouraged to standby on VHF Channel 6 at 9:15 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. daily for fishery updates.